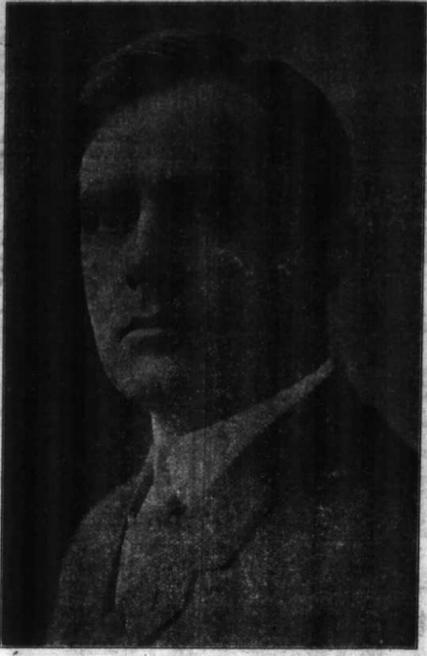


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A NOTED MUSICIAN, WHO IS TO BE IN CHARGE OF THE MUSIC AT THE BIBLE CONFERENCE AT LEWISBURG, JULY 30 TO AUGUST 14.

THE NATURE FAKERS

SOME FACTS AND NEAR FACTS ABOUT THE WONDER-WORLD

But if any provide not for his own and specially for those of his own house, he hath denied the faith, and is worse than an infidel. —1 Tim. 8.

He only who forgets to hoard has learned to live. —Kingsley.

THE PROVIDERS
Hoarding is confined largely to the man animal with whom it is almost a religion. It goes to such a great length that in a majority of cases the man is richest when he dies, just as a hog is fattest when he is butchered.

With animals those who take thought for the future are the exceptions to the rule but it is a significant fact that they are wisest of all the animals. The bee, ant, squirrel and beaver are right at the top in the list of intelligent animals.

I live on the edge of the woods. I believe that at this point that one could enter the woods and walk in the shade of the trees without coming out into the open clear across the State of West Virginia. The good land has been reclaimed from the forest but is a small portion of the State.

Formerly we were on good terms with the squirrels and three kinds, the grey, the red squirrel, and the ground squirrel neighbored with us, but presently the small boys frequented the neighborhood and the squirrels cannot abide small boys so they went back into the woods. We were sorry

to see the squirrels go but we knew that it was time for them to leave.

One summer a red squirrel undertook to store away all the walnuts of a large number of white and black walnut trees and he cached them in the wood pile. I never was so anxious to give a little unsought advice in my life but there seemed to be no way to communicate the fact that the woodpile was no safe place. In the warm fall day, a colored man appeared and commenced to work on the wood pile, and when I came to dinner, the red squirrel was sitting on the kitchen porch wringing his hands and his shrieks of anguish filled the air. He saw the savings of a summer time disappear and become a total wreck.

The ground squirrel is like the bee in that he actually hoards more provision than he will need. His store is in the ground though he is at home in the trees. The red squirrel will take any convenient place to lay by for winter. But the grey squirrel will have any number of places to lay by a few nuts for the cold weather. These squirrels have winter and summer homes. Their homes are usually in the ground close to the tree that contains their winter apartment. One of the wonders of the woods is to see where a squirrel has come in the snow and dug down to a nut and gotten it without missing it a hair's breadth.

Nor it is to be presumed that squirrels do not have compasses and measuring chains, so most of the woodmen say that he smells the nut and lets it go at that but that theory never satisfied me. If the nut smelled as loudly as that, then they would be at the mercy

of any larcenous squirrel that came along. My theory is that the squirrel buries the nut and marks it by the timber.

When the winter has come with its snow and changed the landscape, then the squirrel decides that he will dig up that big hickory nut that he planted last summer. He gets down on the ground and lines up a dogwood sapling with an iron wood looking south, and follows that line until he comes to the place that a small oak lines with a service bush looking east. At the intersection of the two lines he digs and gets his dinner and goes back to sleep. There is no reason to doubt that this intelligent animal with the bright eyes and the big brain knows how to mark a spot in the woods in the simplest manner. The next time you see a place in the snow where a squirrel has dug up a nut, take sights and see if it is not marked by two distinct lines converging on a point.

DICK

BEES

The bees render great service to man by producing honey and wax. They sip the nectar of flowers besides other saccharine juices. By carrying bits of pollen to the stigma, they aid in the fertilization of flowers. The lower jaws and lower lip of the bees are lengthened into a form necessary to secure the nectar from the bottom of tubes or from small receptacles of flowers. The ligula, sometimes called the tongue, is a part of the bee's lower lip, and can be lengthened out or drawn in. It is hairy and serves to carry the nectar to the honey-bag. It has not been ascertained whether the nectar is changed while in the honey-bag or not, but it seems probable. At any rate, it must be expelled from the mouth before being used for food.

Wonderful economy is to be noted in the arrangement of the cells of a bee hive. The larvae remain in a cell for a while. When they have spun their cocoon and completed the other stages of their development, they leave the cell in which another egg may be hatched or honey may be stored. The silken cocoon left by the pupa diminishes the capacity of the cell until it can be used only for honey. Some of the breeding cells are made into honey cells after the principal breeding season is over. Sometimes cells are made especially for honey.

The cells are built chiefly of wax. The bees have wax pockets under the scaly coverings of the four middle joints of their abdomen. The wax is white but becomes darker with age. When the bees are going to make wax, they form clusters fastening themselves together with hooks on their feet. These clusters remain motionless while the scales of wax are made. The bees take the wax in their mouths and mix it with a secretion in the mouth. The wax looking like a very small rib, is passed through the mouth first in one direction, then in the other until it is ready to be used in the building of the cell.

In choosing a place to set up a bee colony, it should be borne in mind that a pastoral field contains more flowers than one under tillage and is therefore better for bees. Bees go a mile or over to secure fluids. A hive should weigh at least fifteen or twenty pounds to afford plenty of food for the bees. Hives may be made of glass, straw, or wood. There are even some earthenware ones in Greece and Turkey. In Galilee there are many bees. The hives are sunburnt mud tubes about four feet in length and eight inches in diameter. There are no openings except small ones in the center of the ends. The honey is extracted by means of a book.

In India, honey is used as one of the ingredients of an offering made to the bride groom on his arrival at the bride's home.

At the New Year's Festival in Madagascar the queen and her guests eat rice mixed with honey. Honey was used in the religious ceremonies of the ancient heathen, but was forbidden to the Jews. Bali-dagh or "Honey Mount" in Troy received its name from the wild bees which dwell in the caves near the steep rocks to the south.

SQUIRRELS

If we trace the word squirrel back to the Greek we will find there a very interesting description of the little animal himself. Squirrel is from the Latin word, sciurus from the Greek, skioures, made up of two words, skia, meaning a shadow and oura, a tail. Now if we follow the Indian custom of naming animals (they would probably have called a wood owl "the bird with the big voice")

we will call the squirrel, "the animal which shades itself with its tail."

Squirrels vary greatly in size and color. Some are no larger than a mouse while others reach the size of a cat. Slender and agile they are noted for their climbing abilities. Their long bushy tail is also a characteristic feature. Red seems to be a favorite color with them. There is our ordinary red squirrel. A peculiar thing is the Chinese variety, which is red and black and has bright teeth. The grey squirrel lives in northern Europe, Asia and America. The tropical species are the most beautiful. Here nearly all are brilliantly marked and some adorned with longitudinal stripes. A species, ordinarily grey assumes for a few months a gorgeous back of orange-yellow.

Old Scandinavian legends represent the squirrels as the messengers of the gods, who carried the world's news to the other animals. Now they have no such exalted position. They are interesting pets some times, but the grey squirrel is a nuisance to the farmer as it does great damage to the corn. A long time ago in Pennsylvania the squirrel's head, and in 1749 \$40,000 was paid out as rewards for squirrel killing. In those days hosts of grey squirrels used to migrate at times, to the horror of the farmers. Neither mountains nor rivers stopped them, but on they went devouring corn and wheat fields. Gun, cats, hawks, foxes and owls were the farmers only protection.

The flying squirrel has some extra skin which it unfolds when leaping to form a parachute. On account of this it can float through the air for considerable distances, flying from tree to tree. A tropical species of the flying squirrel is as large as a cat.

Many species of squirrels and probably all those which live in temperate or cold climates store up food for winter, so as a rule they are very provident little creatures. A story is told, however, of one amusingly imprudent pair. They had a home in a country garden where they had for five years in spite of the fact that their family each year was devoured by cats. They would store up food and forget where they had put it and could be seen after deep snows searching in holes and crevices in case that might be one of their store places. The chipmunk, a ground squirrel, is a very energetic provider. He is especially prepared for food carrying by pouches in his cheeks. They carry immense quantities of grain to their store houses in the ground. So large are these store houses that the Indians used to rob them. Often the chipmunk has far more than he wants, and it is said that this surplus food is eaten in the spring by other animals.

TOM.

Charles William Ramsey and Miss Elva May Wamsley were married by Rev. Wm. T. Price July 19, 1916, at Inframonte Cottage, West Marlinton.

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END OF THE SCHOOL YEAR

A SUMMARY BY COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT

I have just about finished the records and reports for the school year ending June 30th, 1916. In many ways this has been the best year for the schools of the county that the records of this office has to show. In a financial way we have the best record yet. \$19,216.98 to the credit of the several funds of the districts of the county in the hands of the sheriff to start with as a balance for the school year beginning July 1st., 1916.

We have two district high schools under process of building which when finished will add something like \$50,000.00 to the already good showing that we have along the line of up-to-date school buildings. In addition to this the boards of the county are building some good two-room graded schools and some very good one-room buildings that reflect the good judgment of the members of the boards as well as the growing sentiment among our people for consolidation and better school facilities. We have one of the best six-room buildings at Cass that is in the state and two more rooms in the same building to finish when needed and when this is done will make an eight-room school house that any county should be proud of.

Our teachers are showing a progressive spirit along several lines of work. They are attending advanced schools through the summer and nearly all do Reading Circle work of some sort during the school term and quite a few attend summer school during vacation and I understand more attended the Educational Association this year than ever before and several attend summer school in order to renew their certificates. The teachers of this county all attend county institute and ask for no excuse and I believe do not want any. I might say in this connection that every teacher that taught in the county last year attended institute with one exception and this one exception I attribute to the inefficiency of the trustee system. I hope to be on the ground to see that there is no exception to this rule this year.

120 common school graduates for this year which doubles that number that we graduated five years ago. We have this year one graduate from the Brownsburg colored school. As far as the records of this office and my knowledge goes this is the first graduate in the history of the county from the colored schools. We had five colored teachers this year and in my judgment the best we have ever had as some of the best work was done and results gotten. The colored people are waking up and from the looks of things the whites in some parts of this county are going to have to get in line or let the negro lead. One of our colored teachers is a regular agricultural enthusiast and has his boys and girls tilling the earth that it may bring forth fruit and fowls to their glory. Old mother earth never asks the color of the hands that use the hoe and plow or cares for the baby chicken, pig or calf but answers as if the color of the skin did not have anything to do with it.

We had about ten High School graduates this year and I suspect this is the largest number that ever graduated any one year from matter of experience and record that once you graduate from the common schools you should at least seek to attend schools of a higher rank as you have to go over the same things if you attend the common schools year after year.

Mr. W. E. Scott is principal of the Hillsboro School and Miss Minnie Jane Merrells is the principal of the Marlinton school. We shall expect all graduates from Little Levels and Edray Districts to attend the school of your district as they are not

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schools of the town where they happen to be situated but of Edray and Little Levels districts and you are entitled to attend just the same as if you lived in the town. The principals of these schools will be expected to call on you in person and explain matters more fully and get acquainted so that the work may start off with a better understanding.

The teachers of the county and the people in general may wish to know why the score or the result of the use of the Efficiency Score Card in the grading of the schools last year has not been published and the results announced. My office and dwelling was almost destroyed by fire on the morning of the 14th, of March last and all my records or practically everything was blackened or destroyed that I have no record by which to publish but I can say that it was the best score by far that we have ever made and I am planning to use the same score this next year.

Respectfully yours,
B. B. WILLIAMS, Co. Supt.

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